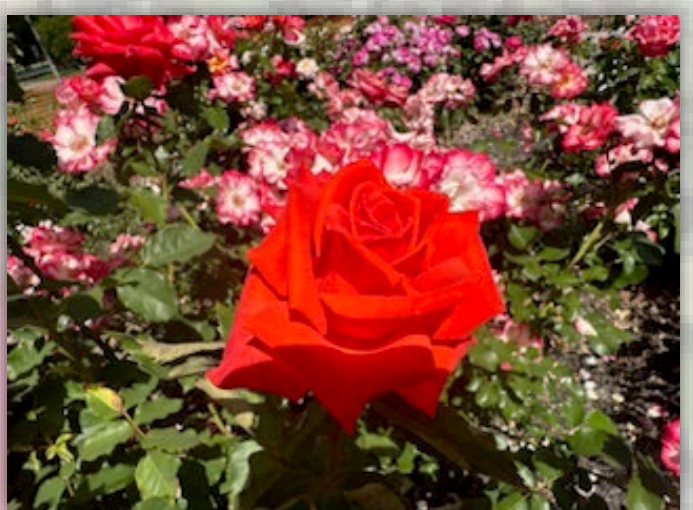




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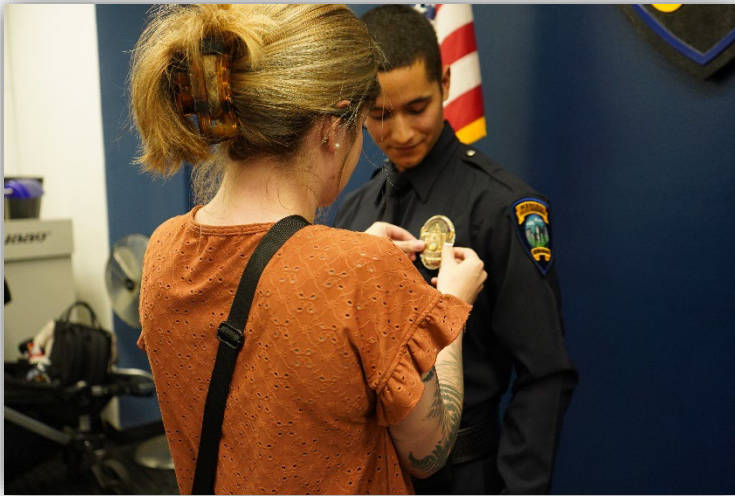
Roses are in full bloom at the Applegate Rose Garden!  
Don't miss out on the breathtaking display of nature's beauty.



## Merced PD Welcomes Officer Seth Sigarroa

This week, Chief of Police Steven Stanfield had the honor of swearing in Officer Seth Sigarroa. A Merced native, Officer Sigarroa brings a wealth of experience and dedication to his new role.

After graduating from Golden Valley High School, Seth served our country for five years in the Navy as a Master-at-Arms, achieving the Petty Officer Second Class rank. His commitment to service led him to pursue a career in law enforcement, leaving his previous role at the Chevrolet dealership in Merced.



## Farewell to Sergeant Edward Drum

After an impactful 18-year tenure at the Merced Police Department, Sergeant Drum is embarking on a new chapter. Since 2006, his dedication and leadership have been instrumental in training officers, addressing gang issues, and leading the SWAT team. His contributions are deeply valued. The City of Merced wishes Edward Drum every success in his future endeavors.



### Public Works in Action

This week, Parks crews performed irrigation upgrades at Stephen Leonard Park.



Street paving at Grogan and Macready after water main blowout



### Engineered for Success: Weekly Project Updates from the Engineering Department.

Progress continues on the installation of a new water main along Canal Street.



Orchard Lane Sewer Main Replacement: Crews begin boring under Highway 99 this week to start installing the new sewer line.



## Latest Update on the Airport Terminal Replacement Project

This week, crews installed rebar and dobie blocks – or concrete spacers.

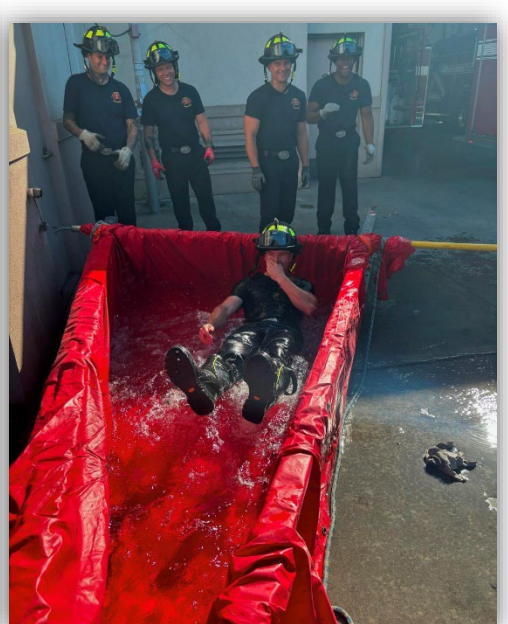
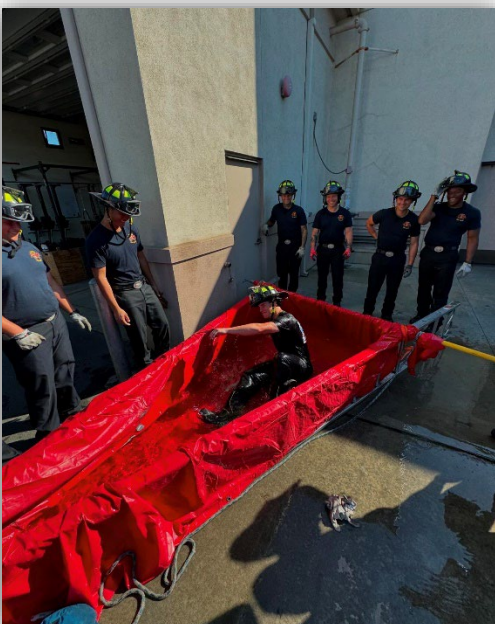
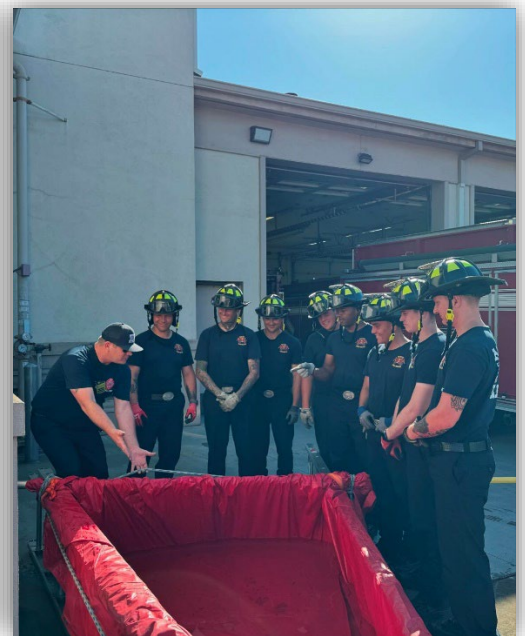


## Fire Department Training Program: Mastering Salvage and Overhaul

In the fire department's latest training session, recruits delved into the essential practices of salvage and overhaul, which are pivotal tasks firefighters undertake during a structure fire. These operations typically start when the fire is somewhat contained, ensuring the safety of the crews.

During salvage, firefighters focus on preserving as much property as possible. One method involves crafting water chutes from the fire engine's equipment. These ingenious devices help minimize water damage when dousing the flames. Additionally, a pool-like structure collects water from the chutes into a makeshift "catch-all," assembled from ladders, a salvage cover, a pike pole, and rope. This versatile apparatus could also prove invaluable in wildland firefighting scenarios.

Overhauling, on the other hand, is a crucial task that aims to uncover hidden fires within a structure. By breaking holes in walls and ceilings, crews diligently search for lingering flames to ensure complete extinguishment.



### Community Clean Up

Once again, kudos to the City of Merced Solid Waste Division for their hard work! Teaming up with Merced PD, the Solid Waste Division cleared 8.14 tons of trash earlier this week.





## Important Feedback from Playground Experts

Earlier this week, Director of Parks and Community Services Chris Jensen spearheaded a productive session for our parks program, bringing together a team of playground experts from Mrs. Zuzlewski's second-grade class at Riviera Elementary School.

The lively group showcased their enthusiasm and insight, providing valuable input on the playground equipment they believe will be required for General Vang Pao Park.

As the meeting drew to a close, all the experts unanimously agreed that #ParksMakeLifeBetter!





# High-Speed Rail Merced Station Open House

Thursday, May 2, 2024

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Merced Senior Community Center

755 West 15th Street, Merced, CA, 95340

Join California High-Speed Rail Authority representatives and the Central Valley Station Design team led by Foster + Partners and ARUP for an informational Open House. This event is open to the public and will offer the opportunity to meet the project team, learn more about system-wide and station design updates, ask questions, and provide feedback.

Event format:

- Short overview presentations repeated at 5:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.
- Open house stations to learn more and meet the project team
- Community interest table to get involved
- Kids activity table
- In-person translation services will also be provided

**Save the date and we look forward to seeing you soon!**

*Meeting facilities are accessible for persons with disabilities. All requests for reasonable accommodations must be made (72 hours) in advance of the meeting date. For additional information, please contact us at our TTY/TTD assistance line at (916) 324-1541 or the California Relay Service at 711. Spanish and Hmong interpretation will be available. Interpretación al español estará disponible. Peb yuav muaj neeg txhais lus hmoob.*

